

# California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

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Purpose:

- High-quality environment
  - Identify significant impacts
  - Avoid where possible
  - Mitigate where possible
- Ensure public disclosure/participation

# Application of CEQA

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- "Projects" undertaken or requiring approval by State and local government agencies.
- "Projects" are activities which have the potential to have a physical impact on the environment

# Basin Planning: Exempt from CEQA Requirements

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- “Functionally equivalent” to the CEQA requirements for environmental documentation [CCR Title 14, § 15251(g)]
- “Functionally equivalent” documents include: written report, initial draft of Basin Plan amendment, CEQA checklist [23 CCR 3776]

# CEQA Scoping Meeting

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- Legislation requires lead agency to conduct meeting
- Purpose: gain public input on **scope and content** of functionally equivalent documents



# Scope of Project

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- Identify environmental impacts
- Identify mitigation measures
- Identify alternatives for achieving compliance with TMDL (i.e. reducing toxicity levels)

# Anticipated Impacts

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- Meet toxicity standards
- Healthy benthic community
- Others?

# Concluding Remarks

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- Thank you for participating
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